



## GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

# Media Advisory

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*TWIGGS & WILKINSON COUNTIES*

## GEORGIA DOT SCHEDULES PROJECT TRAFFIC SHIFT/SPEED LIMIT CHANGE

**WHEN:** 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, September 28, weather permitting

**WHERE:** State Route 57

**WHAT:** Traffic will be shifted to newly constructed lanes to facilitate the next phase of construction. In Twiggs County, SR 57 eastbound traffic will be shifted beginning at mile post 6.0, just past Taylor Woods Road. In Wilkinson County, SR 57 westbound traffic will be shifted at mile marker 0.1 onto the new alignment which is the Fall Line Freeway. The speed limit will be reduced to 45 mph through the shift with the exception of the Old Macon Road area where the speed limit will be reduced to 25 mph.

Prince Contracting was awarded this \$32.8 million ARRA (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act) funded project in September 2009. The project is part of the Fall Line Freeway and consists of construction of the North Gordon Bypass, a new roadway, from SR 57 at the Twiggs/Wilkinson County Line to SR 243 at Lake Tchucoloako in Ivey. The total length of this project is 7.2 miles and includes a bridge over Little Commissioner Creek and Central of Georgia Railroad. The contract completion date is July 31, 2012.

Each day, hundreds of Georgia Department of Transportation employees and contractors work on dozens of highway, bridge and intersection improvements throughout the state. Their work often brings them and heavy machinery in close proximity to travel lanes. Fifty-seven Georgia DOT personnel and many more motorists, passengers and contractors' workers have been killed in highway work zone accidents since 1973. **Please help us prevent these tragedies by slowing down; being especially attentive and cautious as you pass through construction work zones; and always driving responsibly. Safer Driving; Safer Work Zones; For Everyone.** For information on the Department of Transportation, visit ([www.dot.ga.gov](http://www.dot.ga.gov)); you also may follow Georgia DOT on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/GeorgiaDOT) (<http://www.facebook.com/GeorgiaDOT>) and [Twitter](https://twitter.com/gadepotrans) (<http://twitter.com/gadepotrans>).

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